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Foreign Office issued press release at 4 p.m. together with following unofficial translation on Karjalainen talk with Gromkyko in Moscow:

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Verbatim text. Nonessential words omitted.

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Upon return from Moscow November 13, Mr. Ahti Karjalainen, Minister Officer Foreign Affairs of Finland, informed Government and President of Republic about meeting he had with Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. A. Gromyko, in connection with note of October 30, 1961, of Soviet Government to Finnish Government. On Tuesday, October 14 Prime Minister and Foreign Minister informed Speaker of Parliament, Chairman of Parliamentary Groups, and Foreign Affairs Committee of Parliament.

At meeting between Mr. Karjalainen and Mr. Gromyko on November 11, in Moscow, latter first put forward views of Soviet Government on international situation in accordance with Soviet note of October 30. Mr. Gromyko pointed out that in present international situation Soviet Union had to take care of its security and that concrete conclusions regarding security of borders must now be made. He said that against this background Soviet military authorities had already for some time demanded military consultations between Finland and

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Soviet Union within framework of Treaty of Friendship and Mutual Assistance of 1948.

Mr. Gromyko stated that Soviet Government had not slightest intention of intervening in Finland's domestic affairs. He said that Soviet Union had full confidence in Finland's foreign policy. Soviet Union could not fail to take note, however, that political situation in Finland had become uncertain and that in Finland certain political grouping had emerged which aimed at attempting prevent continuity of present foreign policy. In present situation Soviet Government wished to have as soon as possible assurance that present foreign policy of Finland would continue and that nothing would prevent development of friendly relations between Finland and Soviet Union. If such assurance could be had within short time, military consultations might be avoided.

Mr. Karjalainen replied that there in fact different political groupings in Finland, but as known also in Soviet Union, all groups adherents of Paasikivi line. He said he convinced that Finnish people wanted policy of friendship and confidence in relations with Soviet Union to continue.

Mr. Karjalainen said he would inform his government and political circles in Finland of Mr. Gromyko's views.
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